

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 903

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Kaylee Radzyninski of Cleveland upon being named Tennessee's top high school youth volunteer by the 2008 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Miss Kaylee Radzyninski, an estimable resident of Cleveland and a junior at Cleveland High School, has been recognized as Tennessee's top high school volunteer in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award's Thirteenth Annual Nationwide Program, which honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Kaylee Radzyninski launched a CD and DVD collection campaign, called "Tunes 4 the Troops," which has spread across the country and resulted in the shipment of more than 100,000 discs to U.S. soldiers overseas; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Miss Radzyninski attended a Sea Cadet training program, during which she met military personnel who had just returned home; she learned that what they missed most overseas was entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Kaylee Radzyninski first collected her own CDs and DVDs to donate to the soldiers, and then enlisted the charitable contributions from her friends and her school; the campaign eventually made its way to the community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Radzyninski solicited donations by speaking at churches and clubs, organizing collection drives, and contacting local news media; and

WHEREAS, her post office box receives an astounding 2,000 CDs and DVDs each week; with her mother's help, Miss Radzyninski sorts, packs, and ships out about ten boxes every Saturday; and

WHEREAS, in addition, more than seventy satellite locations across the United States, which include schools, churches, clubs, and radio stations, have joined the “Tunes 4 the Troops” campaign, collecting discs in their areas and shipping them directly to service personnel abroad; and

WHEREAS, a State Honoree, Kaylee Radzyninski will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion at a local ceremony, and an all-expense-paid trip in early May to Washington, D.C., for several days of national recognition events; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Kaylee Radzyninski who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Kaylee Radzyninski is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the “Volunteer State,” and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Kaylee Radzyninski on being recognized as a State Honoree in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award’s Thirteenth Annual Nationwide Program, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.